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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies continued adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate, best for retail features. Supplies were moderate to mostly heavy. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Inventories were moderate to at times heavy. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
			RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	43-45	LARGE	22-29	24
LARGE	39-47	41-44	MEDIUM	7-11	9
MEDIUM	24-30	27-29	SMALL	2-4	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a fair demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for processing schedules that were noted as regular.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-58	47-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	25-38	30-32

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate, best for retail features. Supplies were moderate to heavy. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Inventories were moderate to heavy at times. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
LARGE	44.5-53	46-49
MEDIUM	28.5-37	30-33

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-53	47-50
LARGE	44-51	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-35	28-32

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	37-41

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-53	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-48
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 5% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	86
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
	NOT AVAILABLE

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 29, 2004 will increase by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 22, 2004 were 218,866 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	180,660	38,206	218,866
% change from the prior week.....	-2	+4	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.5-12	11.44
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.5	10-11	11.04

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 25, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.3	21.7	6.9	14.9	12.4
	Change	0.5	-5.5	-0.3	1.7	0.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.7	56.8	17.5	32.5	32.4
	Change	-5.3	0.4	-1.0	1.1	-4.0
Large	Curr Wk	76.3	144.5	83.1	131.2	119.5
	Change	-6.2	-19.8	19.8	9.7	0.8
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	44.8	13.5	22.4	34.6
	Change	-1.7	-8.8	0.0	-3.3	-2.8
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	19.1	3.1	6.7	5.6
	Change	0.3	4.2	0.1	1.1	0.6
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	31.5	7.2	15.4	7.8
	Change	0.4	-1.9	1.1	-1.1	3.7
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.9	40.6	33.5	34.3	32.4
	Change	3.7	-3.6	-0.7	-4.4	-3.4
Total	Curr Wk	160.3	359.0	164.8	257.4	244.7
Percent	Change	-3%	-9%	13%	2%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,186.2	-2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	273.1	-2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,459.3	-2%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 11, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 22, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
10.75								7.00								17.75							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	24.00	—	25.00	26.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	49.00	—	—	—	—	—	51.00	.75							
GL W XL	—	—	36.00	38.50	35.67	37.00	5.00	GL W LG	33.00	—	—	—	—	—	40.63	4.00							
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	28.00	—	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.00	1.00							
GL W MD	—	—	—	24.50	24.50	—	5.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/18/04-10/22/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
70.00								27.75								97.75							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	23.33	—	25.00	25.50	—	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00	GNR W 1	—	—				
GNR W 2	—	—	23.75	25.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	42.09	—	—	—	—	—	49.86	2.75	GL W J	42.09	—				
GL W J	—	—	44.50	47.00	44.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	33.00	41.00	—	49.00	—	—	41.36	7.50	GL W XL	33.00	41.00				
GL W XL	—	40.00	36.21	38.43	34.19	37.33	38.50	GL W LG	31.18	33.00	—	46.00	—	—	38.80	12.75	GL W LG	31.18	33.00				
GL W LG	—	39.08	34.00	35.00	28.00	—	11.00	GL W MD	20.00	—	—	—	31.00	32.25	4.00	GL W MD	20.00	—					
GL W MD	24.00	—	20.38	22.50	24.50	—	13.50	NRBS - 45	20.50	21.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 45	20.50	21.00					
GL W SM	—	—	23.50	26.00	18.67	21.33	5.00	NRBS - 39	25.00	—	—	—	—	29.00	2.00	NRBS - 39	25.00	—					
NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	29.50	28.00	17.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	25.00	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.50	22.00	—	14.86	8.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/18/04	10/11/04	10/20/03
PACIFIC COAST	351	130	126
LOS ANGELES	319	96	65

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.63
LARGE	61.63
MEDIUM	45.63
SMALL	39.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 10/19/2004

Report Period: 10/03/2004 - 10/09/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,986	1,986
Arkansas	0	0	750	750
Colorado	0	0	2,503	2,503
Illinois	90	0	0	90
Iowa	4,500	9,580	47,727	61,807
Michigan	0	0	750	750
Minnesota	2,185	780	3,520	6,485
Missouri	0	0	4,994	4,994
Ohio	0	0	810	810
Oregon	1,598	0	0	1,598
South Dakota	800	0	560	1,360
Texas	0	0	760	760
Utah	398	660	12,075	13,133
Washington	0	240	0	240
Wisconsin	0	0	740	740
TOTAL	9,571	11,260	77,175	98,006
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,571	11,260	77,175	98,006